

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
SEYMOUR INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2015
FLAHERTY ROOM, SEYMOUR TOWN HALL

Members in Attendance: Paul Wetowitz, Mike Flynn, Tim Connors,
James Forsyth, Brian Koskelowski

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by acting Chairman P. Wetowitz.

MOTION: B.Koskelowski/T. Connors to add to the agenda nomination
of Chairman and election of Chairman.
Motion Carried: 5-0.

Nomination of Chairman

MOTION: T. Connors/M. Flynn to nominate Paul Wetowitz for
Chairman.
Motion Carried 5-0

Election of Chairman

MOTION: J. Forsyth/M. Flynn to elect Paul Wetowitz Chairman.
Motion Carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Wetowitz abstaining.

Nomination of Vice Chairperson

MOTION: M. Flynn/T. Connors to nominate James Forsyth for
Vice Chairman.
Motion Carried: 5-0

Election of Vice Chairperson

MOTION: T. Connors/B. Koskelowski to elect James Forsyth
Vice Chairperson.
Motion Carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Forsyth abstaining.

Public Comment

There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

Approval of Minutes, November 23, 2015

MOTION: M. Flynn/T. Connors to approve the minutes of the
November 23, 2015 meeting.
Motion Carried 5-0.

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Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer's Report

Mr. Wetowitz stated that there are two Wetlands Enforcement Officers, Mark Morganski and Bill Paecht. He stated that the Commission does not enforce anything; this is done by the Enforcement Officers. Neither Mr. Morganski or Mr. Paecht were present at the meeting.

Future Training for Commissioners, Discussion and Action if necessary

Mr. Wetowitz handed out copies of the regulations to the members and stated that in addition to the local regulations the Commission also follows the State regulations. He stated that the State regulations can be found on the State DEEP website and encouraged the new members to review them. Mr. Wetowitz stated that he would like to have a workshop with the town engineer and town counsel to speak with the Commissioners on what they should be looking at with an application. He stated that he is waiting for some feedback from the First Selectman on this. Mr. Flynn stated that he felt it would be beneficial to be advised on the proper procedures to follow. Mr. Wetowitz agreed and stated that it is important that the Commission utilize the services of staff. Mr. Connors asked about the classes that DEEP provides. Mr. Wetowitz stated that the Commissioners can make arrangements to take the on-line courses that are offered and there are funds available in the budget to cover the cost of the courses.

Discussion of Budget for Next Fiscal Year

Mr. Wetowitz stated that the budget needs to be submitted by January 21, 2016. He felt that a special meeting can be scheduled for the second week of January to vote on the budget. The members reviewed the proposed budget and there was discussion on possibly increasing the salary for the enforcement officers. Mr. Wetowitz felt that it would be helpful to have them present at a meeting so that they could speak to the Commission of their responsibilities and the time that they put into the job. He stated that he will contact them about their availability and schedule a special meeting for the second week of January.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Commissioner's Public Comments

Mr. Wetowitz stated that there were two recent complaints against the Inland Wetlands Commission. One was an FOI complaint which has been resolved with no penalties or fines. The other complaint went to DEEP which has been forwarded to the town attorney to handle.

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MOTION: M. Flynn/J. Forsyth to adjourn the meeting.
Motion Carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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